

Young Priest Struck By Car - Killed

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Geology Department Leader Receives Rare Membership

Membership in the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers has been granted to the Rev. Carl Nieset, C.P.P.S., M.S., who is in charge of the geology department of St. Joseph's of Indiana. This organization is the second oldest of the four great national engineering societies established in the United States. Originating in 1871, it now counts 11,700 members of whom one fourth live abroad.

Receiving his degree from Catholic University of America in 1937 after two years of advanced study, Father Nieset attended Purdue University for one summer. The excellence of his work at Purdue effected his recommendation for membership in the institute, which has for its purpose the promotion of the arts and sciences connected with the economic production, processing, and use of minerals and metals and the welfare of those employed in these industries.

Practical Experience Necessary

Ordinarily, membership is granted only to those who have spent at least six years in engineering or technology connected with some phase of the mineral industries. During at least three of these years they must have

held positions of responsibility in connection with such work.

Father Nieset was accepted by the institute, however, because of his six years of teaching experience and his enthusiasm for geological study. He has done extensive field work in Canada, in Mexico, in the East and West of the United States. While attending the University of Texas for one summer he spent all his time in field study. He has extensively explored the strip mine area of Illinois and the entire state of Indiana, especially Jasper and neighboring counties.

Advantage Of Membership

One distinct advantage of membership in the institute is the annual directory published each May by Mining and Metallurgy magazine. This directory is a Who's Who of the profession constantly referred to by banks, corporations, and others making use of the professional services of engineers. It contains the names and addresses of all members, a list of officers, and the latest re-

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GETS NOD TO JOIN INSTITUTE



Doctor Paul F. Speckbaugh, Head of English Department, On College Faculty Since 1936

Struck by a car as he was walking to Rensselaer about seven o'clock Sunday evening, October 8, the Rev. Paul F. Speckbaugh, C.P.P.S., Chairman of the Department of English, was killed. Thirty-nine years old last February 25, he had been on the faculty since he received his Doctorate of Phil-

osophy in English at Catholic University in 1936.

With the Rev. Albert A. Wuest, C.P.P.S., M.S., Father Paul had started to town a few minutes before the fatal accident. The two men were walking on the left side of the road. Two cars approached from the rear and as they neared the pedestrians the one farthest back began to pass the other. The driver of this car did not observe the men dressed in black until just before the collision. Then it was too late to stop and impossible to swerve to the right because the machines were side by side.

Father Paul was thrown to the pavement clear of the car. His skull was fractured, both legs and his neck were broken, and he was severely scratched and bruised. A physician who arrived a few minutes later pronounced him dead.

Besides the English courses which he taught, Father Paul was director of the campus quarterly, Measure, the C. L. S., the Curtain Club, and the Poetry Society. Constitutionally frail, his energy was tremendous and his mind keen and discerning. With a vivid, poetic imagination, he was an idea man with high ideals for whom literature was a joy and Catholic literature a passion.

All the students and faculty attended a Solemn Requiem Mass the morning after Father Paul's death. Funeral services were held in the college chapel Thursday morning, October 12, and at St. Charles Seminary, Carthage, Ohio, the following morning.

John R. Stone in Panama

Cpl. John R. Stone, whose home is in Caledonia, Ohio, is stationed in Panama.



Rev. Paul F. Speckbaugh

MAJOR DREILING FIRES FIRST SHOT

Describing the battle for the village of Wallendorf, Germany, Marcel Wallenstein, London correspondent for the Kansas City Star, gives an eye-witness account of Major Norbert Dreiling's participation. Norb is in field artillery.

He and his companion officers "manned the immense guns. They brought self-propelled guns back under the terrible ordeal of continuous enemy firing, losing only two men and no artillery.

"Their unit destroyed eleven Siegfried pillboxes with delayed action shells. Major Dreiling fired the first American shells into the city of Trier, 292 projectiles falling on the city in a single night."

Member of the first graduating class of St. Joseph's Senior College, Major Dreiling received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1938, later entering the automobile sales business with his brother in Victoria, Kansas. Two of his brothers, Fathers Marcellus and Boniface, are on the teaching staff of St. Joseph's.

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Pictures Catch Dan's Eye

Dear Editor,

Though my contribution be very small considering the large amount you wish to obtain, please enter it for the Student Loan Fund. It is a very worthy cause, and it is my only regret that I cannot at this time be more generous. This comes with my best wishes in your undertaking.

It was really fine to receive something from the college, especially since the pictures (I refer to the S.L.F. folder) used were taken when I went to St. Joseph's. I knew all of the faces and most of the names, including Father Gordon.

My best wishes to Brother John Marling, Father Zanolar, and all the others, and my congratulations to Father Lucks on his new presidency. I'm sure he'll do a good job.

One of the boys,

Lieut. (jg) Dan H. Goldcamp
Pacific War Theatre

Wolford Still in Basic

Dear Editor,

The enclosed check covers mine and my brother's subscriptions and alumni dues. Apply the rest to the Student Loan Fund.

Some day I may have much to contribute to CONTACT; at present my army career consists only of basic training. In the event that I go overseas, and I am expecting that, I presume that I may have some interesting facts for the paper.

Please give my greeting to all my friends and tell them that I wish I were registering for college instead of inquiring about school. Remember my mother at Mass; she is not too well.

Soon I expect a transfer; however, I shall notify you of my change of address.

Sincerely,

Pvt. John J. Wolford 35837569
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Camp Barkley, Texas

It Comes Back Like This

Dear Editor,

I am returning herewith my subscription to CONTACT, and I do so with anticipation because of the pleasure derived in trying to visualize the memories recalled by old timers—and even we are already old timers.

The routine for me in reading CONTACT consists of first scanning the pages for names of alumni that sound familiar, then trying to match a face to the name. The incidents of campus life follow easily.

Good luck to you on this year's venture, and may God further the successes of St. Joseph's.

Sincerely,

Chester B. Kruczek, '31
2103 Willowdale Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

ELECTION RETURNS

next month will arouse their customary enthusiasm as Citizen Republican and Citizen Democrat sit within range of their radios. This month, the post office of St. Joseph's of Indiana has been the focal point of an enthusiasm that has reached political campaign intensity. Returns have been coming in steadily from the circular mailed to alumni, reminding them that dues and subscriptions for the year were again in order.

Those returns are something worth crowing about. They are without precedent. More men than ever before are sending in that certificate with the picture of George Washington on it for their annual dues; more are including a second such certificate and checking the little box on the return slip to indicate that they are paying their dollar for CONTACT; and far more than ever before are adding the third buck and signifying that they wish to receive Stuff also.

Larger Amounts Sent

Better still, quite a number of checks that have arrived were for amounts greater than the customary three dollars. Usually the writers of these checks specified the purpose of the extra: for additional mailing charges overseas; for a Mass for the boys in service; for the Student Loan Fund.

Of course, not all the more than 3,000 alumni have sent \$3.00 or their equivalent. One hundred per cent cooperation would be too much to expect of any organization. But already the amount is well on toward the \$1,000 mark, and by the time this issue of the paper is distributed it should go over that sum. It will continue to increase during the next few or several months.

The alumni association at its last annual meeting voted to underwrite the publication and mailing of CONTACT to every member whether he sent in his subscription fee or not. It will keep its promise. But the more members there are who pay for their own subscriptions, the more funds the alumni account will accumulate to use for some other deserving purpose. Let's see how much we can boost the total. Then, when we have that next grand reunion after the boys are all back from conflict, we will have something else to crow about.

Not very many of you men obeyed the second paragraph of the pink slip, which asked you to include news and pictures of yourself. If you haven't sent your check as yet, therefore, will you please give the editor some information about yourself when you do send it. Especially do we want to hear from the class of 1934 for the November and December issues.

Finally, particularly you men in the service many of whose addresses change so frequently, do assure yourselves that you will receive the papers by notifying us of every change, even if you only move from one building to another in the same camp.

Vic Fox Awaits Change

Dear Editor,

Enclosed is my check for alumni dues, CONTACT and Stuff. I have been receiving the publications from my home for the past year, and have put off sending my address.

Speaking of addresses, I'm due for another change soon, at which time I shall notify you. I only wish the next address would read St. Joseph's College instead of some Army camp.

As for information about myself, I'm afraid I'm just an average GI waiting for something exciting to happen. I have been in the Engineers and expect to remain in that outfit for the duration.

Please give my greetings to Father Dirksen, Father Gordon, and all the other priests at the college.

Sincerely,

Cpl. Victor J. Fox
ASN 35055918
1147 Engrs. C Group
Fort Jackson, S. C.

Greeting from Joe Gibson

England
Sept. 5, 1944

Dear Editor,

Just a line to say Hello and to wish you and St. Joseph's good luck and smooth sailing this school year.

Personally, I got shook up a little over in France, and they gave me a free airplane ride back here to recuperate. It was very much appreciated.

In closing, I wish to remind you that I still have reservation No. 1 for the big reunion in '45, and I ask you to give my best wishes to the class of '31.

Pvt. Joseph F. Gibson, '31

Charlie Cowl Guides CIO

Dear Editor,

Enclosed please find my check for publications and dues in response to your clever appeal of a few days ago.

I'm still preaching the Gospel of Unionism to the boys, but recently I've begun to suspect that I would have been better off had I stayed in a pulpit where there was less chance of the congregation yelling back at me or even throwing me out altogether. This is a tough territory to try to propound the Encyclicals of Pope Leo.

Please give my regards to Father Lucks and the rest of the men that I know, and my best wishes for the continued splendid progress of St. Joe.

Sincerely yours,

Charles L. Cowl
Sub-District Director, USA-CIO
2004 Fairfield Ave.
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Tried; Will Try Again

Dear Editor,

Your latest communique got me; I am herewith sending in the wherewithal. Last spring I tried to do a little Good Neighbor business when one of the Reyman boys was stationed at Hutchinson. As I didn't get an answer to my invitation, I will just have to wait until some other fortunate alumnus gets sent there for training in the navy.

Sincerely,

Rev. Anthony Kraff
St. Paul's Church
Lyons, Kansas

Bomber of Budapest Reports on Hazards

His fiftieth bombing mission on August 6 was only so much routine duty for Lieut. Gene G. Jaeger, '40, of 843 Indiana Street, Hammond. The one he remembers most vividly took place last June 27 with important Axis railroad yards at Budapest, Hungary as the target.

Intense flack knocked out the number three engine of his B-17 Flying Fortress and started a leak in the number four power plant. As they dived out the fire they were confronted by a formation of JU-88 fighters which they lost in the clouds, leaving them to the devastation of the American P-51 fighters.

"We did not get far, however, when the numbers one and two engines commenced surging. We rapidly lost altitude and expected to be forced to ditch in the Adriatic. Nevertheless, we tossed overboard every moveable piece of equipment and tried to keep a course for home."

Lieut. Jaeger is the navigator of the crew. Married, he has been in the service since Aug. 2, 1942.

Rev. Rudolph Stoltz Dies at Fort Wayne

A member of the faculty of St. Joseph's of Indiana from 1914 to 1925, the Rev. Rudolph Stoltz, C.P.P.S., died in St. Joseph's Hospital, Ft. Wayne, Sept. 13. He lacked twelve days of being sixty-six years old.

The former teacher and assistant disciplinarian suffered a paralytic stroke while at the hospital for treatment for cancer of the stomach. He had been operated on about two years ago for the same ailment, rallied and returned to St. Mary's Church, Ft. Recovery, Ohio, of which he was pastor. His health seemed excellent.

In September, 1943, he was given lighter work at St. Mary's Casella, Ohio. This he discharged with ease until this past summer, when the old symptoms returned.

Mark Anniversary

DELPHOS, Ohio.—Mr. and Mrs. Otto J. Birkmeier of 312 East Third St. observed their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. John's Church, Sunday, Sept. 24.

Mr. Birkmeier, '09, is the father of Ensign Paul Birkmeier, '44, of San Diego, Calif.

De Laney Drill Instructor

Stationed at the Marine Base, San Diego, California, Dan DeLaney, formerly of Ironton, O., is a drill instructor in the Marines.

Rev. Edwin Kaiser Comes To Teach Philosophy, History

With the leaving of the Rev. Joseph B. Kenkel, C.P.P.S., Ph. D., from the faculty, comes the Rev. Edwin Kaiser, C.P.P.S., S.T.D., from St. Charles Seminary, Carthage, Ohio, to teach philosophy and social science.

Dr. Kaiser received his degree, Doctorate of Sacred Theology, from St. John Lateran Papal Institute in Rome. Going there in the autumn of 1921, a few months after his ordination, he spent the next three years at St. John Lateran, traveling extensively through Europe during the vacation periods.

Since his return from Rome, Dr. Kaiser has taught at St. Charles



Rev. Edwin Kaiser, C.P.P.S.

except for two years, 1938-40, when he was director of Sacred Eloquence at the Precious Blood Mission House, Charlottesville, Va.

An orator of distinction, Father Kaiser is a writer who keeps a steady flow of articles directed toward such periodicals as the Ecclesiastical Review, Homiletic Monthly, America, and others.

Family with 'Doc' at Base

Dear Editor,

Acknowledging receipt of CONTACT by check affords an excellent opportunity to say Hello!

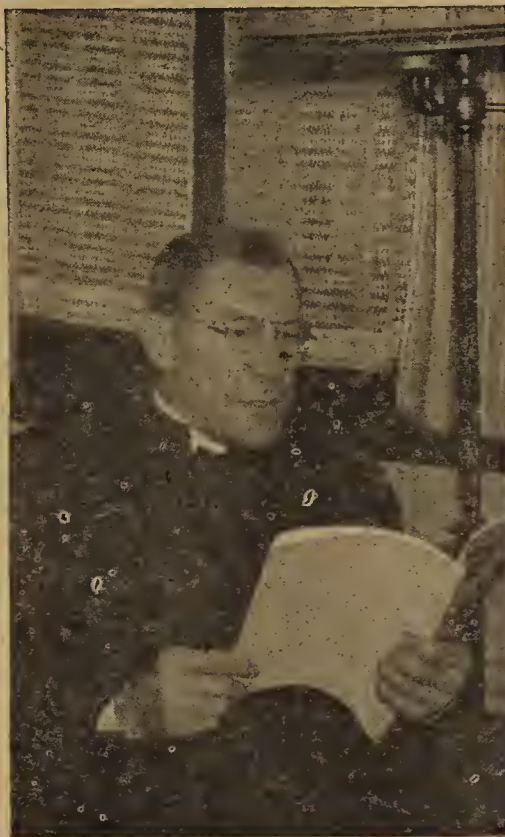
Bernice and the children are here with me. This is possible because I received quarters right on the base, and it gives them an opportunity to be a part of the Navy until I go to sea. Naturally, this is an ideal arrangement for me, under the circumstances.

My brevity is no measure of my sincerity.

Sincerely,
Lieut. E. G. Klein

Rev. Joseph Kenkel Teaches Social Science At Catholic U.

LEAVES ST. JOSEPH'S AFTER LONG SERVICE



Rev. Joseph B. Kenkel

After nineteen years of intense service given to St. Joseph's of Indiana, the Rev. Joseph B. Kenkel, C.P.P.S., Ph.D., has gone to the Catholic University of America, Washington, D C., to accept a position as professor in the Social Science Department. He will teach economics and labor legislation.

The Rev. Edwin Kaiser, C.P.P.S., S.T.D., comes to St. Joseph's from St. Charles Seminary, Carthage, Ohio, to replace Father Kenkel here.

Catholic University is not new to Father Kenkel. Ordained Dec. 29, 1918, he entered this university at the beginning of the next semester and received his Doctorate of Philosophy there. From 1922 to 1925 he was rector of the minor seminary at Carthage, whence he came to St. Joseph's to act as Dean of Studies for the next two years.

President Of St. Joseph's

More busy years than any previous ones followed. Appointed President of St. Joseph's in 1927, Father Kenkel fought through the depression and not only saw the college on a sound financial and intellectual basis, but guided it from its previous junior status to a senior institution offering degrees in its various departments.

One year after his presidency, 1938, the first class received their A. B. or B. S. degrees. Meanwhile, the old Indian School had been completely renovated and, as Drexel Hall, housed eighty-five upperclassmen. Plans, too, were already underway for the extensive building program which has followed.

For the past seven years Father Kenkel has taught in the social science department. He leaves St. Joseph's with the esteem and gratitude of everyone who knew him here, and with their Godspeed at Catholic University.

Pastor of Negro Parish

In the oil town, El Dorado, Arkansas, Father Raymond Marmion, '20, has been pastor of Holy Martyrs of Uganda Church for the past four years. Twenty-seven Negroes are on his parish register. (P.O. Box 1071.)

Quinlivan in Pacific Zone

A member of the U. S. Marine anti-airforce, Pfc. James Quinlivan of 402 South 16th Street, Richmond, Indiana, is in the Pacific theatre of action.



Lieut. Urban A. Pfeffer

TOP RANKER

One of the top-ranking members of his class, Second Lieutenant Urban A. Pfeffer was graduated recently from the U. S. Naval Air Station College for primary flight instructors. Active in football and baseball at St. Joe, Pfeffer played professional for the Kansas City baseball club after leaving the college. His home is in Jasper, Indiana. He received his wings May 30. At the Naval Air Station, Ottumwa, Iowa, he is now instructing primary flight students. (B.O.Q.—Rm. 119B).



Tom Neff, Golf Pro

When Tom Neff, '24, was playing baseball for Father Titus Kramer back in 1923, he already had visions of an athletic career. It has materialized—not on the diamond but on the green.

Tom sends the following item about himself under the caption, "From Inshoots and Outshoots to Slices and Hooks after Twenty Years."

When leaving St. Joe I was desirous of an athletic career if possible. Although not to my liking, but in accordance with my better judgment, I chose the alternative, a business career with my brothers, George and Frank, '24, succeeding my father in the shoe business.

After quite a few years of semi-pro Sunday baseball I concluded that it was too strenuous and decided to take up the so-called "Old Man's Game" of golf. When making this change, little did I realize what the outcome would be.

Being a confirmed bachelor, I could devote quite a bit of time to the game. My interest grew as my game improved, and I became wholly absorbed after winning my first local championship. The attached clipping from the Cincinnati Enquirer is self explanatory.*

My desire to attain an athletic career was fulfilled this year when I was made an attractive offer, and accepted, to serve as Golf Pro at the Dearborn Country Club.

*AURORA, Ind., Aug. 10, 1943 (Special dispatch to the Inquirer)—Tom Neff, Aurora, successfully defended his championship of the Dearborn Golf Club by defeating James Freeman, Lawrenceburg, in a 36-hole final. Neff's score was 148. Freeman had 150. Neff was five down after the twenty-first hole, but came through to win, 2 and 1.



YOUNG PRIEST JOINS FACULTY

With a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from St. Bonaventure College, the Rev. Frederick Koch, C.P.P.S., comes to St. Joseph's this fall to pursue courses in mathematics and review chemistry in preparation for graduate work in the near future. Meanwhile he is also teaching freshman Latin in the academy.

Ordained May 7, 1939, Father Koch has taught Latin and Eng-



Rev. Frederick Koch, C.P.P.S. lish at Brunnerdale Seminary, Canton, Ohio since that time. Brunnerdale is the house of studies for the boys just out of their grades who are preparing for the priesthood in the Society of the Precious Blood.

Besides the languages which he taught while there, Father Koch also had charge of the choir and the stage productions.

INJURY FATAL

Pfc. Joseph E. Dober, '37, died August 13 from head injuries suffered two days earlier when he fell from a truck receiving a severe laceration of the brain.

A military policeman, Pfc. Dober was guarding some German prisoners of war when the accident occurred. An operation was successful in so far as it removed the pressure on the brain, but he never regained consciousness.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Dober, and two sisters live at 107 W. High St., Lawrenceburg, Ind. A brother Frederick D. Dober, '34, is with the aviation division of the Studebaker Corporation, 701 W. Chippewa Ave., South Bend 25, Ind.



Pfc. Joseph E. Dober

T/Sgt. Patrick Moran Wins Oak Leaf Honor

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, ENGLAND.

—An oak leaf cluster to his air medal has been awarded to Technical Sergeant Patrick E. Moran, 22, for "meritorious achievement" while participating in several bombing attacks upon war plants in Germany and upon military defense points in support of the allied ground forces in northern France.

T/Sgt. Moran is the radio operator and a gunner on the eighth air force B-17 Flying Fortress, "Golden Goose." A former student of St. Joseph's College from Wyoming, Ill., he entered the army air forces in Aug. 1942 and received his wings in June, 1943.

Overseas at Seventeen

In the Marines since his seventeenth birthday, June 23, 1943, Pfc. Edward P. Mullins is now in the Southwest Pacific theatre of action. He went overseas last Dec. 26.

Former President Assumes Pastoral Duties October 1

The Rev. Aloys H. Dirksen, C.P.P.S., S.T.D., president of St. Joseph's of Indiana for six years preceding last June, has been appointed pastor of Most Precious Blood church, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Father Dirksen's appointment was effective Sunday, Oct. 1.

St. Joseph's college was marked with great growth and expansion under Father Dirksen's presidency. Seifert, Noll, and Xavier



Rev. Aloys H. Dirksen

Halls, and the huge fieldhouse were constructed, and the academic curriculum was considerably expanded. The system of integration between the various departments now in effect here had its inception while Father Dirksen was president.

A member of the American Oriental Society, the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis, and the National Association of Biblical Instruction, Father Dirksen is a well-known scripture scholar. At present he is on the committee to revise the Duay version of the Old Testament. He was a member of that committee which revised the Rheims New Testament into modern English. For this he revised the gospel of St. Mark and wrote a commentary for it.

Father Dirksen carries with him in his new appointment the sincere wishes for success from all the residents of St. Joseph's.

— More About —

FATHER NIESET

ports of the secretary and the standing committees of the institute. Among other things, the directory will be a placement service for students.